

HB 987 -- PEACE OFFICER CAMERAS

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This bill exempts any recording captured by a peace officer's camera from Missouri's Sunshine law. The bill prohibits law enforcement agencies from disclosing any such recording without an order of a court or under the prosecution or defense of a criminal case.

The bill prohibits the state from requiring a law enforcement agency to provide cameras as described in the bill to officers employed by the agency. The state is also prohibited from requiring any peace officer to wear the cameras.

The bill requires a law enforcement agency to retain any recordings described in the bill for at least 30 days but no longer than 90 days unless a recording is needed for an active criminal investigation or being used as evidence in a criminal or civil litigation.

The Attorney General must enforce the provisions of this bill and may impose a civil fine of up to \$5000 on a law enforcement agency for each violation of this section.